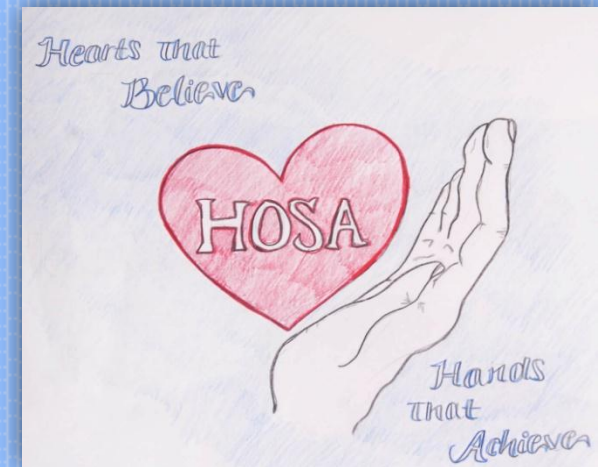




33rd Annual Kentucky HOSA

Spring Leadership Conference – March 23-26, 2011

The 33rd annual Kentucky Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) meeting and state conference was host to a number of competitors, health educators, professional guests, judges, and outstanding advisors from across the commonwealth. Known as the pipeline for future health professionals, the HOSA conference serves as the high point for students to use their skills, knowledge, and experience to excel in a variety of competitive events; to earn scholarships, and most of all, to develop a camaraderie with students and professionals from across the commonwealth.



Up from last year's total of 936 participants, this year 1050 individuals were registered for the conference held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Louisville from March 23-26.

Winners will compete at the National HOSA Leadership Conference in Anaheim, California from June 22-26, 2011.

Crowne Plaza Hotel - Louisville, Kentucky

Message from Elizabeth Bullock

Kentucky HOSA State Advisor



"It's been a great year for Kentucky HOSA and I'm pleased to report this year's state conference was the largest in our history. Additionally, our membership continues to increase. In my opinion, this is partly due to the high demand for jobs in the health care industry, as well as an increase in the number of health occupations programs in the state. With a higher demand comes more attention and Kentucky HOSA has come to the attention of colleges, universities, health care provider organizations, boards for licensure and professional organizations as evidenced by an increase in scholarships, educational symposia, judges from our industry, and cutting edge of technology."



"This year, we are one of three pilot states to implement the new online testing for our competitive events program. We had the privilege of hosting Jeff Koeninger, National HOSA director of membership, during this year's conference. He was instrumental in helping us with the new Scantron technology that will be used during the 2011 national conference."

"It is our goal to grow our own future health care professionals to meet the demand in our commonwealth. What an outstanding personal and professional landscape for our students to take advantage of while working toward a health care career."

"In conclusion, I would like to express our sincere appreciation to all of the teachers, principals, and administrators in secondary and postsecondary institutions because this village is critical in the overall success of Kentucky HOSA. By working together, we have all made a difference—one that will have a positive effect on our students."



KY HOSA is on the cutting edge of technology and is one of three pilot states to embrace new technologies for competitive events. *The first pilot state was Georgia and California will become the third pilot state during their conference.*

Photos at left: KY HOSA state advisor Elizabeth Bullock and National HOSA director of membership Jeff Koeninger.

Koeninger:

“KY HOSA is serving as the second pilot state for national HOSA’s new Scantron rating form system and online testing.

“National HOSA greatly appreciates KY HOSA’s willingness to implement new procedures and technology to become fully integrated in the competitive events experience.”



2011-12 KY HOSA State Officers



Front row (l to r): Brittney Carbajal, secretary, KY Tech-Hughes Jones-Harrodsburg; Anna Embry, vice president, KY Tech-Ohio Co.; Taylor Readnower, president, KY Tech-Hughes Jones-Harrodsburg; and Sydney Pogue, historian, Union Co. CTC.

Back row (l to r): Zach Buckman, treasurer, Union Co. CTC; and Aaron Geary, parliamentarian, Grayson Co. CTC.

2011-12 State HOSA president Taylor Readnower and HOSA state officer advisor Susan Readnower



Newly elected HOSA president Taylor Readnower poses with her mother and HOSA state officer advisor Susan Readnower.

Photo by Tim Thornberry

Taylor Readnower:

"My experience with career and technical education has been an amazing one. Last year I was the HOSA vice president, and this year I was elected president. I'm positive that without the knowledge and leadership I've gained through the nursing classes at my local area technology center, this wouldn't be possible. I've learned not only about health, but about how to develop myself into becoming a good leader."

"One of my advisors, who just happens to be my mom, is largely to thank for this. She's helped me both throughout my school career and in my HOSA duties. I'm very thankful she's a career and tech ed teacher. My CTE classes have prepared me for my future tremendously. Thanks to them, I have seen a ton of new careers that I didn't even know existed. Now I feel like I have a good idea of what I want my future to look like."

Susan Readnower RN, BSN Nursing 1 Instructor / HOSA Advisor:

"I am so excited that this was KY HOSA's largest conference ever! This tells me that more and more people are aware of the value of CTE and CTSO's and the benefits they offer students!"

"My daughter, Taylor, could not wait to get into classes at our ATC from the time she was in 6th grade. Through these classes and HOSA she has had the opportunity to explore careers, learn hands on skills, become better prepared for postsecondary education and is truly WORK READY. She has seen the impact of community service through her work in the Barbara James event. She has participated in competitive and leadership events which have helped develop her teamwork, communication, public speaking and technical skills."

"Her role as KY HOSA VP allowed her the opportunity to travel the state as well as the country, meeting new members and advisors. She has also worked with National Executive Council members. She has learned about healthcare and educational issues while developing advocacy skills. She hopes to continue to develop these traits through her term as KY HOSA president, this year. One of her main objectives for her term is to further promote CTE, CTSO's, and the opportunities for students."

"I am so very proud of Taylor and her accomplishments! The experiences she has had and the things she has been able to learn are astounding and they are all derived from her involvement in CTE and HOSA!"



Exhibitor Display Case



Thursday, March 24, 2011 – 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.- coordinated by Karen Smith, KDE

For all the HOSA participants who are interested in the health care field, the exhibitor display showcase is a wonderful venue for representatives from colleges, universities, health care organizations, or vendors to speak with students who are focused on their future.

The exhibitor showcase has been offered at state conference for three years and has been coordinated by Karen Smith, KDE liaison.



Photo, (l to r): Tonya Lindsay, KY Tech-Carroll Co. instructor; Breanna Hill and Jasmine Wilson, KY Tech-Carroll Co. health science students; Christie Wesleyand Charlotte Wong, KODA coordinators.

The Kentucky Organ Donor Registry (KODA) organization educates individuals about organ donation. According to Wong, “The importance of spreading awareness, especially by our teenaged leaders is more valuable than words can express. We encourage HOSA advisors to invite us to speak to their classes.”

Lindsay:

“KODA is needed and we all need to plan ahead for the unexpected. That’s what it’s all about, saving lives.”



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Photo: KY Tech-Murray/Calloway Co. ATC instructor Cindy Wise (r) talks with and gathers financial aid information for her students from Candice Johnson, KHEAA outreach counselor.

Johnson:

“KHEAA is so glad to be here. We get to interact with students and speak directly to them about what is available in terms of financial aid. They get first hand information and are motivated and encouraged to work hard in their pursuit of higher education.”



Army Nurse Corps

Photo at left: Captain Faith Kulmala, an Army Brigade nurse counselor, takes time to talk with Taylor Lowe, a health science student from HJH-ATC.

Kulmala:

“We want to give students all options available within the health care arena. I’m living proof because I came through the Army ROTC and have been an Army nurse corps officer for 8 years.”



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Hey:

“WKU’s College of Health and Human Services (CHHS) provides diverse educational opportunities leading to excellence in health and human services for a global community.

“CHHS also houses a HOSA Chapter, directed by Amy Wininger, and hosts a “HOSA on the Hill” event in November for HOSA students to practice their skills for the state conference in Louisville.

“CHHS has seven departments including Allied Health, Communication Disorders, Family & Consumer Science, The School of Nursing; Kinesiology, Recreation and Sport; Public Health and Social Work.

“The most popular CHHS program HOSA students inquired about is the Nursing Program, Dental Hygienist, and exercise science with a concentration in physical therapy.”



Photo (back row, l to r): HJH-ATC students Molly McCrosky, Michelle Roby, Brittany Pridey, and Autumn Brown – all freshman. Front row (l to r): Donna Hey, WKU director of Student Academic Services and Latoya Stigall, WKU student and graduate assistant.



Photo at left, (l to r): KY Tech-Madison Co. ATC health science students Kelsey Mullins and Erin Harden (students of May Arnold); and Carol Sweazy, admissions and placement coordinator, Galen College of Nursing.

Sweazy:

“Galen’s purpose is to provide exceptional care in a wide variety of settings. Our graduates are ready to enter the workforce as the very best in the nursing profession.

“We are attending HOSA to reach out to students in surrounding counties in Kentucky. We feel our accelerated program has a lot to offer students that want to go into the nursing profession.”



Exhibitor Display Case



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Photo: Morehead State University (MSU) regional academic counseling coordinator Misty Lilley, MA, MBA (center) talks with Fleming Co. HS students (l to r) Hannah Pollitt, Lori Fulton, Lauren Wilson and Samantha Pope.

Lilley:

“It’s important for the Department of Nursing and Department of Imaging Sciences at Morehead State University (MSU) to have a presence at the KY HOSA event to inform prospective students about or nursing and imaging sciences programs as well as inform them about future careers in these areas.”

Jewish Hospital and St. Mary’s HealthCare

Photo at right (l to r): Vicki Duvall, employment assistant with Jewish Hospital; KY Tech-Breckinridge Co. ATC students Lauren Green and Ashley Brady; and Andrea Groves, PHR, employment assistant.





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Photo on left: Second from left, Jen Alessandro, Spalding University, talks with KY Tech-Harrison Co. ATC health science students Allison Cordray, Deborah McNees, and Katlynn Horschler. All are students of instructor Ellie Pribble.

Photo on right: Frank Cercone of Bluegrass Educational Technologies, LLC talks with HJH-ATC health science student Taylor West about the latest technology in health science career pathways.



Photo at left (l to r): KAHCF association members converse with Elizabeth Scott and Brittini Asher.

According to its website (<http://www.kahcf.org/>) "Kentucky Association of Health Care Facilities (KAHCF) is the trade association that represents proprietary and nonproprietary nursing facilities and personal care homes across the Commonwealth.

Opening General Session

Thursday, March 24, 2011

In addition to the line-up of guest speakers, this year's opening session was front loaded with a special solo by Brittany Grider, a Ballard County CTC student who sang the national anthem. HJH-ATC student Brittney Carbajal served as the officer "signer" for guest speaker Angela Woosley.



Photo at right: Brittany and Caitlyn Kerr, state historian. Grider also won the gold medal for Clinical Nursing.

Office of Career and Technical Education executive director John Marks addressed the audience by saying that "student organizations are the model for success," He challenged each participant to find someone who is not involved in a student organization and to "get that person connected."



Jeff Koeninger, National HOSA's director of membership, spoke to the audience about KY HOSA's willingness to implement new procedures and technology for the competitive events experience. The good news -- KY HOSA students who compete nationally this summer will have already had experience with online testing and can use this experience to their advantage.

Guest Speaker – Angela Woosley RN, BSN, MEP

Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)

The “MRC / HOSA Partnership” was introduced as a new competitive event during last year’s state conference. It is an opportunity for HOSA chapters to partner with the Medical Reserve Corps in their community and plan collaborative activities that would support the mission of the MRC, the mission of HOSA, and the priorities of the Surgeon General.

Many HOSA students and advisors had never heard of the Medical Reserve Corps, so there was only one team from Kentucky last year. The team from Hugh Jones-Harrodsburg ATC (HJH-ATC) represented Kentucky at nationals and placed fifth.

The HJH- ATC team wanted to have a more global impact. They researched why few teams had formed in Kentucky and found that advisors and students of HOSA knew very little about MRC, and that coordinators of the MRC knew very little about HOSA. Under the direction of HJH-ATC health sciences instructor Patti Preston, they set out to educate both organizations about one another.

Preston:

“A PowerPoint was created and put into the hands of the MRC national Commander. He mentioned our team BY NAME on the national conference call and discussed our activities as examples of what was possible using youth.

“It was now time to educate HOSA about the MRC. We invited Angela Woosley, a regional educator with the Green River District Health Department and a former MRC coordinator to speak at conference to talk about MRC and to recruit volunteers. She was dynamic, articulate, and inspirational telling students that they could achieve anything, and that the time to begin volunteering is NOW.

“As a final interest tweaker, we developed a movie maker presentation using photos from the yearlong MRC partnership project set to popular music. This CD played in a loop prior to the start of the Awards ceremony. Here’s hoping we see lots of new teams at conference next year!”

At right: Preston and Woosley.

Photo below: HOSA state officers pose with Woosley.



2011 Ronald McDonald House Pull Tab Project

Top honors go to Fleming County HOSA

KY HOSA members collected 1445 lbs. of tabs worth \$1228.25



(l to r): Anna Embry, KY Tech- Ohio Co.; Taylor Readnower, KY Tech-HJH; Joe Rollins, KY Tech-Corbin; Goemmer, Caitlyn Kerr, KY Tech-Lake Cumberland, and Julia Rollins, state officer advisor, KY Tech-Corbin..

Each year, KY HOSA chapters collect pull tabs as part of a statewide community service project for the Ronald McDonald House. The Pull Tab Program helps defray food and lodging costs for families who have been referred by a doctor, nurse or social worker.

Here's how it works - HOSA Chapters bring what they have collected throughout the year to the state conference. The pull tabs are taken to Freedom Metals, Inc. to be weighed and sold. The proceeds are donated to the Ronald McDonald House in Louisville. This year, OCTE executive director John Marks and OCTE consultant Terry Miller delivered pull tabs to Freedom Metals on behalf of KY HOSA.

Later in the day, Miller drove the KY HOSA state officer team downtown to present Jana Goemmer with a check for \$1228.25.

Goemmer serves as

director of programs and facilities for Ronald McDonald House Charities of Kentuckiana. This year's donation represented an increase of \$442.15 above last year's total of \$786.10.



**Fleming Co. H.S., 300.5 lbs.; KY Tech-Carroll Co. ATC, 138 lbs.;
KY Tech-Leslie Co. ATC, 109 lbs.; and KY Tech-Jackson Co. ATC, 87 lbs.**

2011 Ronald McDonald House Pull Tab Project



Goemmer:

“The Ronald McDonald House is appreciative of the continued support that HOSA students provide to the pull tab program. Through the efforts of HOSA clubs throughout Kentucky, we are able to provide our home-away-from-home for thousands of families each year. This year HOSA raised a combined income of \$1228.25 through the pull tab collection that will be used to offset the nightly costs to our families. We would like to extend a very gracious thank you to all the students that helped with this project.”

Terry Miller

OCTE manufacturing technology academic consultant:

“The Pull Tab Project has given our students a chance to prove how important community service is in the overall scheme of life. HOSA’s participation is a winning example of what can be accomplished when statewide partners become engaged in a worthwhile project.

“The opportunity to strengthen the link between classroom instruction and real life is something we can all take pride in doing. It’s great to lend a helping hand and I want to congratulate all of our chapters for their united efforts to benefit those in need.”



OCTE consultant Terry Miller is shown with HOSA pull tabs that were delivered to Freedom Metals. (Photo taken by John Marks.)

Second General Session

Friday, March 25, 2011 - 5:30 – 8:30 P.M.



KY Tech-Caldwell Co.



Franklin Co. CTC



KY Tech-Letcher Co.

Advisors, students, and guests attended the second general session to enjoy a banquet, observe the installation of the 2011-2012 state officers and show off table decorations that were created by local chapters to symbolize HOSA's national conference at Anaheim, California.



Second General Session



Friday, March 25, 2011 – KY Tech-Shelby Co. wins table decorating contest

Sherry Allen
KY Tech-Shelby Co. ATC
instructor and HOSA advisor:

“We are all proud of the Shelby Co. ATC table decoration and salute Crystal’s efforts for her work in creating a first class table display. The theme “California Dreamin” conveys the hopes that students will have success at the state level and advance to the National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, California in June.

“I’m proud of my students and how they have excelled at the local and regional levels in order to qualify and compete in various leadership, skills, and knowledge based categories. The state conference has been an excellent way for my students to build confidence and prepare themselves for future health care careers”



KY Tech-Shelby County HOSA students pose with their centerpiece, designed and constructed by HOSA member Crystal Riley.



Second General Session

Thursday, March 24, 2011
Guests and HOSA Chapters



Grayson Co. CTC

KY Tech-Leslie Co.



KY Tech-Nelson Co.



Second General Session

Friday, March 25, 2011
Guests and HOSA Chapters



KY Tech-Bullitt Co.



KY Tech-Lincoln Co.



**Photo above:
KY Tech-J.D. Patton**



**Photo above:
KY Tech-Ohio Co.**

Second General Session

*Friday, March 25, 2011
Guests and HOSA Chapters*



KY Tech-Marion Co.

Second General Session



Friday, March 25, 2011
Guests and HOSA Chapters

At right: Members of the Maysville CTC-Rowan Campus HOSA Chapter pose with advisor Kim Nealis, KY HOSA executive committee member and competitive events director.

The Rowan Campus chapter won an award for being the largest postsecondary chapter at conference.



KY Tech-Martin Co. ATC



Moore Traditional High School hosts competitive events



At right: Williford chats with Jeanne Meredith, Moore Traditional HS PLTW instructor.



**Peggy Williford RN, MSN
Specialist - CTE
Jefferson Co. Public Schools**

“The faculty and staff at Moore Traditional High School were happy to host the off-site competitions for the 2011 KY HOSA state leadership conference. Our school has recently been designated as a medicine, health and environment career theme school and this is the first year to offer a health science curriculum. We offer PLTW Biomedical, Sports Medicine, and nurse aide programs.

“Our facility has recently undergone a huge renovation. The facility was designed to look like the clinical areas students will be working in upon completion of their program.

“This is the first year that Moore has been involved with HOSA. The students recently started a HOSA chapter and already have a great program of work outlined. What a great opportunity for Moore's HOSA student organization to kick off their first year by hosting the biotechnology, sports medicine, physical therapy and nurse assisting events. Great things are happening at Moore High School!”



Moore Traditional High School hosts competitive events



Nurse assisting, physical therapy, and sports medicine events.

Special thanks to the Moore Traditional HS staff:

*PLTW-Biomedical
Jeanne Meredith*

*Nursing
Elaine Banerjee*

*Allied Health/Sports Medicine
Tim Amshoff*

Educational Symposia

Friday, March 25, 2011

8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

For a third year, HOSA students participated in a variety of different health care professional symposia including clinical laboratory science, dentistry, exercise science, nursing, pharmacy, physical therapy, occupational therapy, and respiratory therapy.

KY HOSA was honored to have Dedra DeBerry, a health education coordinator with Northwest Area Health Education Center (AHEC), plan and coordinate the meaningful experience for students.



DeBerry:

“The Northwest Area Health Education Center (AHEC) promotes increasing the health profession workforce through the recruitment and retention of health professionals in medically underserved areas. Coordinating the Health Careers Expo during the Education Symposia for HOSA students provides an opportunity to showcase a variety of health professions – some of which the students may not have considered.

“It is exciting to hear the students say they want to visit all the health career presentations.”

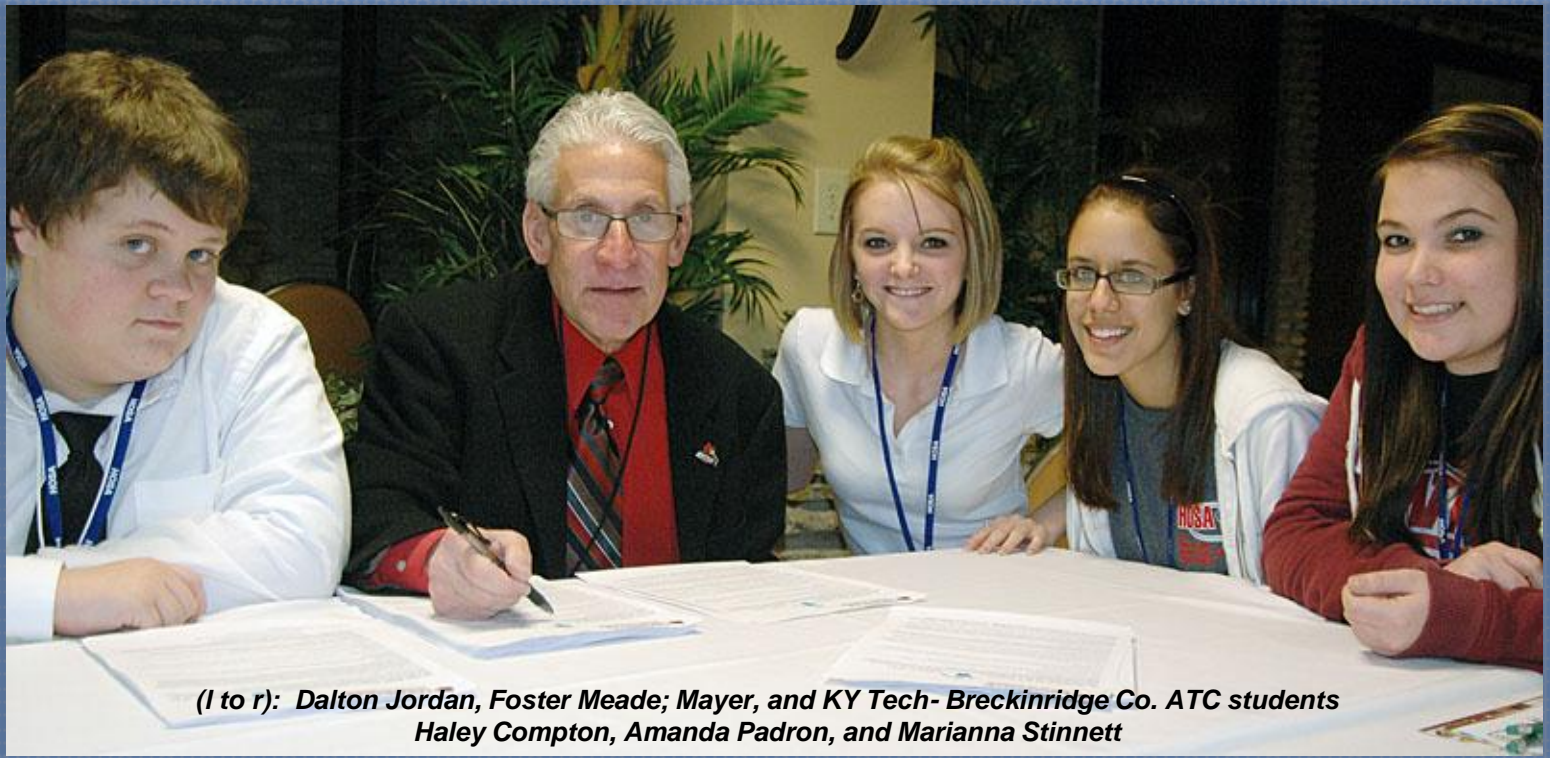
“No Bones About It” Surgical Technology

Once again, this session was a hit among HOSA students and advisors. It provided an overview of what a student can expect in the field of surgical technology including educational requirements, employment expectations, salary, and what it takes to be part of a team of medical practitioners who provide surgical care to patients.

*Connie Tucker, CST Coordinator
Assistant Professor
Maysville Community and Technical College*

“The value of holding this type of symposium gives students a window in understanding the opportunities available in the surgical technology field.”





(l to r): Dalton Jordan, Foster Meade; Mayer, and KY Tech- Breckinridge Co. ATC students Haley Compton, Amanda Padron, and Marianna Stinnett

Lee S. Mayer, MS, DMD
University of Louisville
Director, Community Dental Health

“Licensed dental professionals are integral in the health care system. The well-being of our Commonwealth will be based on available care in all regions and communities.

“HOSA students will be the future providers of care to their home communities if they are mentored early on. Dedicated young people must be introduced to the health education institutions early on. That is why the University of Louisville School of Dentistry participates in career development programs like HOSA.”

Flannery talks with
Muhlenberg Co. CTC
instructor and students.



Clinical Laboratory Science

**Julia Flannery, Health Career Coordinator
Northeast Area Health Education Center**

Activity: Transfusion Matching with Synthetic Blood Kit - Students play the role of a clinical blood technician in a hospital. An emergency occurs and it is the responsibility of the technician to collect blood samples for blood typing.

Flannery:

“This is my third year participating in the HOSA Educational Symposium and I am still excited to see the students.

“The HOSA organization does such a wonderful job preparing students for health professions. I know in this hard economic time it is difficult to send students to competition, so I encourage communities to support their local HOSA chapters.”



Louisville Metro Department of Public Health & Wellness

*Ann Wethington, R.S.
Environmental Health Education Specialist:*

“The environmental health specialist is a health professional whose job is to protect the community’s health through inspection programs directed at food safety, safe water, hazardous materials releases and spills, and disaster response to name just a few.

“Our health is connected with our environment – to be healthy, you need to live in a safe and clean environment.”

Massage Therapy Spencerian College

At right: KY Tech-Hughes Jones Harrodsburg ATC student Erin Cunningham listens as Clinton Langley, a massage therapy student, discusses the appropriate way to begin a massage. KY Tech-HJH ATC student Chelsea Slone tries out the massage chair.

Massage therapy schools and massage therapy education are one of healthcare's fastest growing industries.

*according to school rules, students were not allowed to give massages during the conference.



Above: hoola hoop
Exercise Science

Activities provided by:
Northwest Area Health
Education Center

Educational Symposia

Friday, March 25, 2011 - 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.



Dr. Lederer watches as Spalding University student Laura Threet measures range of motion on Franklin Co. CTC student Nathan Sudduth's shoulder.

**Dr. Jeffrey M. Lederer, professor
Auerbach School of Occupational Therapy
Spalding University**

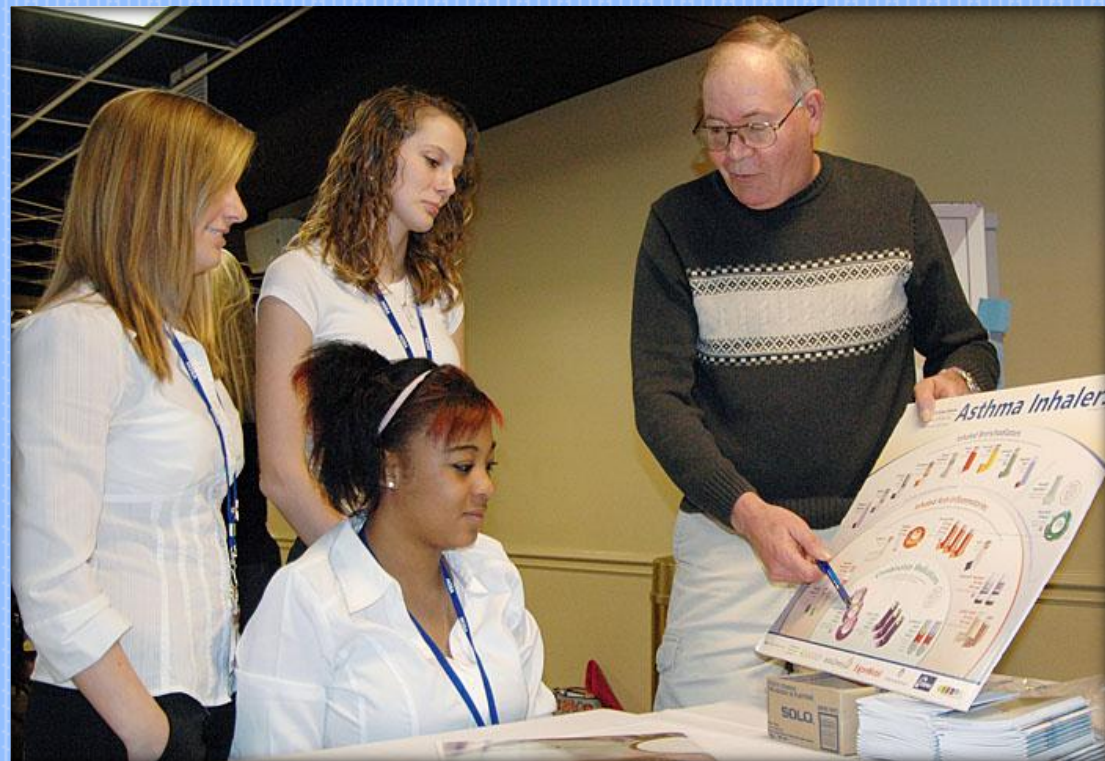
“As an occupational therapy (OT) instructor, I really enjoy having students from across Kentucky to talk to. I think this annual conference is a unique opportunity to see these students. Also, my students enjoy sharing the components of OT with these students. Keep up the good work HOSA!”

Respiratory Therapy

Photo: Jim Legleiter, Passport Health Plan, Inc. Asthma Disease manager; discusses the field of respiratory therapy with students.

Legleiter:

“By attending this conference, it gives me an opportunity to get out information regarding respiratory care as a career. A respiratory therapist focuses on the application of complicated instruments.”



Educational Symposia

Friday, March 25, 2011 - 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Bluegrass Educational Technologies, LLC

At right: Steve Cercone shows Olivia Kramer (Union Co. HS) how dental curriculum aligns to HOSA events.

Below: Sullivan University – School of Pharmacy



At right: University of Kentucky School of Pharmacy

U.K. pharmacy students Jennifer Wiedmar and Beth Bishoff helped students learn about the role of the pharmacy in the community and hospital.



"Understanding Your Medicine"

Walk to Cure Diabetes

Saturday, March 26, 2011

8:00 A.M.



The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation is the HOSA National Service project from 2010-2012 and KY HOSA has embraced the call for service.

On a cold Saturday morning, all registered state HOSA participants began their two mile "Walk to Cure Diabetes."

KY HOSA Chapters have formed teams to raise money and walk in the event.



Walk to Cure Diabetes

Saturday, March 26, 2011
8:00 A.M.



Amanda Ralston Memorial Scholarship



Erika Shewcraft, a student at the Marshall County Tech. Center was awarded the first annual Amanda Ralston Memorial scholarship by Jill Ralston.

Jill Ralston
OCTE business and industry training specialist:

"Being able to give a scholarship in Amanda's memory for nursing gives my husband and I a little peace. It is a good feeling that donations from our friends and family allow us to assist a young lady with her college expenses along the long road to obtaining a nursing degree. We can only hope that once Erika has her nursing degree, she will be able to help others as Amanda had planned to do in her career."

KY HOSA students have opportunities to earn scholarships

KY HOSA has been the recipient of scholarship donations for students who are competitive event winners. We want to thank Jan Gordon, executive director of Spencerian College-Louisville Campus for the following scholarships: Concept of Health Care, Human Growth and Development, Medical Math, Medical Terminology, Nutrition, Pathophysiology, and Pharmacology.

Special thanks to Mr. William Houston, president of St. Catharine College for scholarships given to winners of the regional competition who place at the state level.

Southeast Community and Technical College has also provided scholarships to winners of the regional competition who place in state conference competitive events.

Ann C. Vescio Scholarship

The Ann C. Vescio Scholarship Award was established to recognize students who have made significant contributions to the HOSA organization, to HOSA members, and to others through HOSA activities. The amount of the stipend is determined by the amount of money available in the Kentucky HOSA Treasury and voluntary contributions by local HOSA chapters.

This year's winners are: 1st Place – Kelli Evans, Martin County ATC; 2nd Place – Summer Davis, Marshall County Tech. Center; and 3rd Place – Susanna Schuefer, Henderson County HS.



*2011-12 KY HOSA
Executive Council*



Photo by Tim Thornberry



Reflection of KY HOSA presidency and state officer advisor role



Joe Rollins:

"If I had to summarize my year as state president, I would have to say - never is there a goal that is unreachable. This is especially true when we bring this officer team into the equation."

"The experiences I've had this year have molded me into a stronger leader. I know, without a doubt, I'm a better person because of the work I have accomplished with the Kentucky HOSA Executive Council."

"I am more than honored to have served this year, and I would like to give my deepest gratitude to the members of Kentucky HOSA, who put their faith in me to run their organization. Without their dedication, determination, and passion for the health care field, what we do would be impossible. These men and women of Kentucky HOSA are the future of health care; and the future is looking bright!"



"The Dynamic Duo"

Joseph Rollins, 2010-2011 KY HOSA president and Julia Rollins, 2010-2011 KY HOSA state president advisor, HOSA executive council member, and KY Tech-Corbin ATC health science instructor.

Julia Rollins:

"As I think back on this year, I am honored to have been the advisor to the state president."

"The experience has given me a lot of hope for the future of our health care careers having seen the level of maturity and leadership shown by this group of officers."

"It has been a privilege to watch Joseph grow and mature in his leadership skills his past two years as a state officer. His abilities continue to amaze me. As a teacher and advisor, I could not ask for a more dedicated student. As a mom, I am immensely proud of him. I know he will succeed in his life's goals."

"I must say, I was a little apprehensive at first taking on the role of state president advisor; however, this group of officers has made this job easier than I could have hoped for."



Mary A. Kleber, Ph. D., MSN, RN
Director of Curriculum and Program Support
Office of the Chancellor
KCTCS

“KCTCS is a collaborative partner with the Office of Career and Technical Education representing the postsecondary arm of Kentucky HOSA. As the postsecondary partner, KCTCS faculty and staff serve on the Executive

Council, serve as directors of competitive events, assist with registration, and procure judges for the spring leadership conference. Overall, the main focus of the HOSA Spring Leadership Conference is, as it should be, the student. The conference permits them to link education and practice through competitive skills which promote critical thinking, leadership, and the opportunity for student success. The most exciting part of the conference for me is to see the look of accomplishment on the faces of the students as they complete their competitions and again to witness their excitement when they learn they have achieved an award for a job well-done.”



Judges (l to r): Thersa Lee, KY Tech-Phelps; Carol Murch, KCTCS-Henderson CC; Joni Ferguson, KY Tech-Barren Co.; and Vicki Long, HJH-ATC.



Wright

Former KY HOSA president Dee Ann Wright (2009-2010) was present during state conference to encourage individuals to join the KY HOSA Alumni Association. She is currently attending WKU and plans to remain active in HOSA.



The Dennison Dynasty

Three generations of the Dennison family have been involved in KY HOSA. Pat Dennison, (far right) is a former teacher, HOSA advisor and executive council member. She has seen both her son Jarred and daughter Sonya Whitis (far left) serve as HOSA officers. Jarred Dennison was the 1993-94 KY HOSA president. Her grandson Calvin Kerr served as the 2005-2006 KY HOSA president. Granddaughter Caitlyn Kerr (center) served as the 2010-2011 KY HOSA historian.

Pat currently works as a consultant in the OCTE. Upon retiring from KY Tech-Lake Cumberland ATC, she did some substitute teaching and then joined the OCTE central office.



Clinton Co. ATC (l to r): Health sciences instructor Billie Frye, Darrian Dalton, Logan Crouch, and principal Alfreda Stearns.



HJH-ATC – instructors Vicki Long (far left) and Patti Preston (far right).



Above: Bridget Shartzter, KY Tech-Breckinridge Co. and Anita Coleman, KY Tech-Martin Co.



Judges (l to r): Christine Wesley, KODA; Barney Judd, KY Tech area supervisor; Danny Vance, KY Tech-Letcher Co. principal; and Suzanne McGurk, KCTCS System Office.



Judges (l to r): Karen Bothun, KY Tech-Clark Co. principal; Mike Kindred, OCTE deputy exec. dir.; and instructor Heather Abner.

The environment at state conference allows students to network with other students, learn about a variety of health care fields and health care issues, listen to professionals during a number of educational symposiums, run for an office, and compete in leadership and/or skill events.



Back row: Richard Kaszuk. Front row (l to r): Todd Nickens, Joe Morgan and Elizabeth Bullock.

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